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SUBJ: AFGHANS ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

1. IN THIS TOWN WHERE DIPLOMATIC TEA LEAVES ARE READ
WITH CARE IT WAS INTERESTING THAT AFGHANS MADE CONSIDERABLE
EFFORT TO MARK THIS YEAR'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS.

2. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD (OF WHICH
COPY GIVEN AMBASSADOR AT THIS NOON RECEPTION JULY 5)
WAS WORDED IN CORRECT AND USUAL MANNER BUT WE FOUND
INTERESTING ADDITION OF SENTENCE "ON THIS OCCASION
THE PEOPLE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES SHARE THE SAME SENTIMENTS
WHICH STEM FROM THEIR COMMON DESIRE FOR FREEDOM,
LIBERTY AND PEACE." AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION ATTENDED
BY, AMONG OTHERS, PRESIDENT'S BROTHER NAIM, DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER SHARQ, MINISTER OF JUSTICE ABDUL MAJID,
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BAKHTARI, ACTING MINISTER
OF FRONTIER AFFAIRS MUKAMEL, ACTING MINISTER OF
COMMUNICATIONS ZAHER, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL-
LAH AND CHIEF OF STAFF MUSTAGHNI. THIS IS A TURNOUT
WHICH WE BELIEVE INDICATES POLICY DECISION AS WELL
AS DESIRE OF INDIVIDUALS TO TOAST THE U.S. ONE

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HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH.

3. AFGHAN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON OCCASION OF FOURTH
PRAISED U.S. HIGHLY. POINTING TO 53 YEARS OF WARM
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES (WARREN HARDING,
THE JUMHURIYET EDITORIAL REMINDED US, RECEIVED AN
AFGHAN DELEGATION AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON JULY 26,
1921), U.S. WAS CITED FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
"APPRECIATION OF THE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT, WHICH
IN THE LARGE GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED WORLD AFGHANISTAN
ITSELF IS INCLUDED" AND FOR MEDIATION EFFORTS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. BRITISH READERS OF DARI MIGHT HAVE BEEN
MIFFED BY LESS THAN FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO COUNTRY
FROM WHICH OUR INDEPENDENCE GAINED, BUT ENGLISH LANGUAGE
KABUL TIMES SPARED THEM.

4. KABUL TIMES ALSO WROTE WITH SOME FEELING OF U.S.
"CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY, PROCLAMATION OF MATURITY OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, RULE OF LAW AND DUE PROCESS OF LAW,"
GOING ON TO CITE THESE AS MAJOR FACTORS CONTRIBUTING
TO HUMAN SOCIETY. IN OUR NOTING THAT THIS WAS NOT
INCLUDED IN DARI PRESS, QUESTION CAME TO MIND WHETHER
AT LEAST ONE EDITOR MIGHT NOT HAVE USED OCCASION
TO INDICATE WAYS IN WHICH HE BELIEVED HIS OWN SOCIETY COULD
PROSPER FURTHER.

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